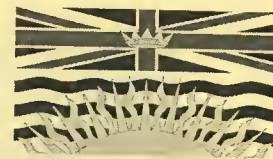


THE MARINE MOSAIC



We are one, but we are many. And from all the lands on earth we come
We share a dream and sing with one voice:

I am, you are, we are Canadian!



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Welcome to summer in Marine Drive!



Summer fun in Vancouver

By Alex Berthin

Whether you are new to Vancouver or a long time resident, you may be looking for some fun ideas for things to do in Vancouver over the summer break. Well here is a list of ideas to get you started!



Let's start with the obvious:

Beaches! Vancouver has many beaches, located all over - from Wreck Beach right by Marine Drive Residence to English Bay by Stanley Park. I'd recommend checking out Spanish Banks - it has the quality of Kits beach, it's less busy and it's close (ride the C19 by Gage right to it).

Granville Island - Spend a day at Granville Island, check out the market, street shows and the brewery tour. Finish it all off at the Improv Center for some night-time entertainment!

Vancouver Aquarium in Stanley Park - A great experience and a Vancouver must. If you haven't been, check it out. The Aquarium features Dolphin and Beluga shows and a 4D movie theatre.

Capilano Suspension Bridge - This bridge is located in North Vancouver and includes an area to walk in the trees and over a river. A great idea for a sunny day!

Stanley Park Horse-Drawn Tours - A one-hour fully narrated horse-drawn tour that travels around the eastern side of Stanley Park on a tram seating up to 20 passengers.

Vancouver Art Gallery - Located downtown, this art gallery features great pieces from a number of Canadian Artists.

Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden - Located in the hustle and bustle of Chinatown, this Ming Dynasty garden-home is a true urban oasis.
www.vancouverchinesegarden.com

Grouse Mountain - The Peak of Vancouver - Do the Grouse Grind - a 2.9 km hike up Grouse Mountain for some amazing views of the city, sea and mountains! Not feeling up for the hike? Ride the Skyride to the top.

Pictured above: the Capilano Suspension Bridge in North Vancouver.

Maplewood Farm - A municipal Park-Farm specializing in the display of farm animals and birds, featuring a milking demonstration daily at 1:15 pm and the Goat Hill Gang petting area

Vancouver Maritime Museum, Museum of Vancouver, H.R. MacMillan Space Centre - located right next to each other, this is a 3-in-1 experience.

UBC Botanical Garden - beautiful gardens located right on campus!

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A word (or two) from the Residence Life Manager



Summer is just about here!!

At least that's what the dates on the calendar are saying; when I look outside I am a bit more skeptical but always like to remain the optimist!

While summer is a great opportunity for most UBC & Vancouver residents to get out and enjoy all that nature has to offer, I realize that some of you may be facing the cold hard fact that you need to leave Vancouver in pursuit of research, classes, work, or other such opportunities.

Student Housing & Hospitality Services operates summer and winter session housing, however, if you're living at Marine Drive over the summer you are undoubtedly in a Year-round contract and have been living here for the past 8 months or more. If you are new to Marine Drive (or UBC residence in general) it's always a great idea to review your residence contract which can be found at: <http://www.housing.ubc.ca/residence-contracts>. One of the sections that often brings questions leading into the summer is the subletting clause in YRH. While you can certainly read the specific details in the residence contract, the basics are:

- 1) You are not able to sublet (or lend out) your residence room if you are in a shared unit. If you have guests then they must be accompanied while in the residence building.
- 2) If you are in a single occupancy unit (studio) you may be able to apply for a registered sublet by completing a form found at the Marine Drive front desk.

It is important to familiarize yourself with the rules of residence and to know that the guidelines are in effect so that the residents of Marine Drive can live in a community environment that encourages academic and personal growth. The best people to help fill you in on the details of the contract are your resident advisors. You may notice a new face on your floors during the summer as our staffing has changed and I'm pleased to welcome (and welcome back) the summer advisors for Marine Drive. Please take some time to introduce yourself and connect to the advisors in your building and Marine Drive community!

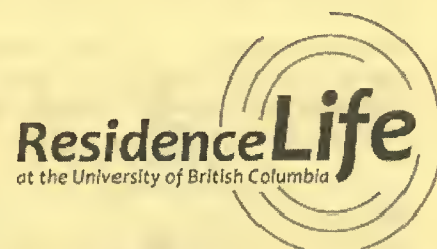
I'm looking forward to a great summer!

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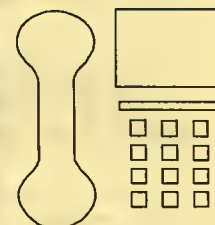
Phone: 604-827-3200



Need Assistance in Residence?

Feel free to contact the Advisor Duty cell phone from 8pm-7am, 7 days a week to speak with a residence advisor in your community.

778-887-7237



QUIET HOURS

Weekend nights (Fri. & Sat.) 1am-7 am

Week nights (Sun.-Thurs.) 10pm-7am

If there is a noise disturbance in your community, call the advisor duty phone (778-887-7237)



Check yo'self before you Wreck yo'self: a guide to etiquette at Vancouver's favourite nude beach.

By Rebecca Anthony

As students living in Marine Drive, we are blessed to be a few hundred metres away from one of the most famous beaches in Vancouver, Wreck Beach. In case you are unaware, this diamond in the rough (and great source of pride for many Vancouverites) is

a clothing optional beach. Conveniently (and thankfully), thick forest and steep slopes tuck Wreck Beach away from the eyes of the casual passers-by, making it an ideal location for bearing your buttocks. However, before you descend the stairs to enjoy the beach's sandy cove, make sure you are aware of the social etiquette that is customary at a nude beach. A wonderful day in the sun can easily be spoiled for yourself and others if you are ignorant of the customs and social standards of a nude beach.

Firstly, Wreck Beach is clothing-optional, meaning that nudity is permitted but not required. If you don't feel comfortable bearing all, then by all means don't. But be aware that some nudists that frequent Wreck Beach may be offended or made uncomfortable by clothed people, especially if you have a staring problem. Which brings me to my second (and probably most important) point, don't stare, it's impolite and your eyes will hate you for it. If you just don't know where to put your eyes, looking where you're walking is a good place to start. Wearing sunglasses can help make you feel more comfortable if this is an issue, but can make others feel uncomfortable at the same time, so be conscious of where your eyes appear to be gazing.

Most nudists at Wreck Beach are not hypersensitive to the occasional glance in their direction, but understand that there is a difference between looking and gawking. If you have a camera, you should also be aware that this can be perceived as highly invasive and you certainly need to ask the consent of anyone that may be captured in the photo you are taking. As a gen-

eral rule to apply to your interactions with others at the beach, be friendly, but respect others' rights to privacy.

In addition to nude etiquette, respect the natural environment at and around Wreck beach. Stay on the designated trails. Not only is it a safety hazard to wander around in the bushes, but it also damages the habitat. For that reason, no mountain biking is permitted anywhere in the park on ocean side of Marine Drive. Bring only canned beverages down to the beach as broken glass in bare feet tends to be slightly uncomfortable. I certainly would not recommend it. As for any beach or park, pack out what you pack in and then some.

The Wreck Beach official website encourages the use of earphones for music devices. This is because many people come to the beach to relax, sleep, or read. However, if you have ever been to Wreck beach, especially in the summer, you have probably noticed that many musicians flock there to jam until the sun goes down. I swear you can hear the bongos from the Commonsblock, or maybe that's just Jason Moore playing the bongos in his office between appointments. In my opinion, music adds to the experience and culture at Wreck Beach and is generally enjoyable. However, if silence is what you desire, steer clear from Wreck Beach in the summer, or you will certainly be disappointed. During the course of the summer, you will probably be invited to a bonfire at Wreck Beach, however, know that camping and campfires are illegal there. The secluded location of Wreck Beach results in regulations being inconsistently enforced, especially at night. Just know that if you're caught, you can expect a fine.

Wreck beach appeals to many and draws a diverse crowd of fans to its sandy doorstep, ranging anywhere from students and families to free-spirited individuals. Although the beach is quite safe (especially with a large community of "regulars"), be aware that it is not uncommon for people to use drugs or alcohol at the beach, although it is certainly illegal.

Admittedly, Wreck Beach can be a little strange at first, but once you become more familiar with how to use the beach, you can appreciate its beauty as well as the culture and atmosphere that have persisted there through decades.



The Resident Recognition Program

by
Grace
Tharmarajah

Marine Drive is a vibrant residence, within which we, as members of the Residence Life team, work to provide students with a home away from home. Our programs and events are designed to give our residents the opportunity to strengthen their skills as students in an academic environment, learn about the global community, be exposed to future career prospects and enjoy spending time with other students. The ultimate goal is to build a strong community within our incredible residence that relies on the unique assets each individual has the potential to contribute. Such a powerful community requires the dedication of all our residents and we encourage their input, participation and support in every program we organize.

We are fortunate that many residents are enthusiastic and enrich our community on a daily basis. With their support, Marine Drive is the place that many, gladly, call home. A few months ago, Residence Life implemented a program to acknowledge our remarkable individuals. Through this program, titled *Marine Drive Superstars*, we hope to recognize those who strengthen our community. A box with nomination slips can be found at Front Desk in the Commonsblock. Residents are encouraged to nominate each other for dedication to our community, whether that dedication comes in the form of supporting events, organizing programs, campus involvement or simply being an amazing neighbor or friend. We choose winners every month from the nomination box and award prizes generously provided by Residence Life, Starbucks and The Point Grill.

Previous Superstars include, Paul Banks, Crystal Hon, Tim Kato and Marissa Dyck. Paul and Tim

were nominated for their constant presence and friendly greetings. Crystal was nominated for her leadership as president on the MDRA and Marissa won for all her hard work on the Suite Style Musical this year. We value all our residents and appreciate their efforts in shaping our community.



This could be you! Or someone else! Nominate Marine Drive residents for their contribution to the residence community. Nomination slips and the drop box can be found at the front desk.

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